

From: Windsor Police Chief

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 4:15 PM

Subject: Thank you - Ambassador Bridge

I would like to thank each of you for your commitment and dedication throughout the past 21 days. Traffic access in the Huron Church corridor is gradually being restored and the area of the Ambassador Bridge is returning to a state of normalcy. I realize that many of you were called upon to work long hours and had your rest days canceled. Undoubtedly, this caused disruption to your home life as you answered the call to duty. Every role was important as this incident put our organization on the world stage.

I would also like to recognize everyone that was involved in our broad response to this situation. Some of you handled an abundance of calls in the Communications Centre, worked on investigations, facilitated the custody processes for arrests and many of the other “behind the scenes” responsibilities that resulted from the protest activities. This incident has made for one of the most challenging months in our Service’s history. I am truly proud to be your colleague and grateful for the work you all do.

Over the past three weeks, we called upon sworn and civilian police service members from around the province to provide assistance as we addressed the situation at the Ambassador Bridge. The RCMP, OPP, Waterloo Regional Police Service, London Police Service, Hamilton Police Service, LaSalle Police Service, and Chatham-Kent Police Service all played a role in the success we have seen to date. Many of these service members have relayed their thanks to us for the “first class” treatment they received from the members of our Service while deployed here.

It is likely that we will have to remain vigilant in protecting access to the Ambassador Bridge. I would like to extend my appreciation in advance to those of you who volunteer to work overtime as we remain committed to this endeavor.

Once again, thank-you for your dedication to duty and for your commitment to the Windsor Police Service and to your communities.

Sincerely,

Chief Pamela Mizuno